

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An isolated inactive polypeptide consisting of a full length NS2/3 protease or a truncation thereof having as its N-terminal residue any one amino acid from amino acid 810 to amino acid 906.
2. (cancelled)
3. (original) An isolated polypeptide consisting of a truncated NS2/3 protease as defined according to SEQ ID. NO: 4 or 10.
4. (currently amended) An isolated polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence that has 90% identity over its length compared to the polypeptide ~~according to claim 3~~ as defined according to SEQ ID. NO: 4 or 10.
5. (original) An isolated polypeptide consisting of a truncated NS2/3 protease selected from the group consisting of: a sequence as defined according to SEQ ID. NOs: 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.
6. (cancelled)
7. (cancelled)